Dear Parents

Congratulations to Secondary Science teacher Mr Peter Bentley and to students Elvira, Tope, Joshua, Andrew and Sai who were selected to progress to Round Two of the Malaysian Science Olympiad. This is a great result from TISM’s first foray into this national competition. Well done!

Today’s Newsletter comes to you early because of tomorrow’s Wesak Holiday. Next week is of course Half-term Break and then the following Monday 3 June and Tuesday 4 June we will be closed due to the Gawai and Agong’s Birthday public holidays.

Over the last few weeks, I have been visiting most classrooms and am thrilled to see so many exciting and engaging lessons. One of the benefits these formal observations allow is the development of a schoolwide list of what we do well and where we may be able to improve. This information is then used as we devise our August pre-service training (“INSET”), the week prior to opening, in which all academic staff participate.

I am also deeply involved in recruiting staff for next year. As well as the filesearch to identify potential candidates I earlier described, we have now advertised. Applicants are screened on the basis of relevant qualifications and experience, and those potentially suitable are sent further information on TISM and on Miri and a pre-qualifying questionnaire. From these responses, a candidate pool is prepared and then interviewed by me, Mr Nic Roe Head of Primary-elect for Primary roles, and 1 – 3 other members of staff from that particular teaching team. I hope to begin making appointment announcements over the next few weeks through the Newsletter.

As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please email me at Robert.Young@tenby.edu.my. Have a great week and see you after the Break!

Robert Young
Principal

Message from the Principal

Upcoming Events:

24th May - 3rd June 2013
Half-term break, School closed

25th May 2013 (Sat)
Super-8 chess Tournament, TISM, 9:00am - 2:00pm

3rd - 4th June 2013
TISM closed for Gawai and Agong’s Birthday

7th June 2013
U13 Girls Netball Borneo Cup Tournament at JIS

10th - 14th June
MiRecycle Week

11th June 2013 (Tue)
Parent Informational meeting for Y6 parents (Y5 invited) on TIMS Secondary programmes, TISM, 6:00pm - 7:30pm

12 June 2013 (Wed)
Secondary parents informational meeting on “Bring Your Own Device”, TISM, 6pm

The Move to Senadin - Update

All is on track for the 13 June handover of the two classroom blocks, the administration / library / cafeteria and the music / drama / auditorium building. The sports and related facilities will need a few more weeks for finishing work.

We plan to begin moving in currently unneeded furniture, resources and so on and setting up a small reception office as soon as possible after the handover. Individual tours for prospective parents will be available from 1 July, so please feel free to inform anyone waiting to see what our new campus will be like that they should contact Head of Admissions Ms Elsie David at 085 – 491 – 526 or Elsie.David@tenby.edu.my to arrange a private visit as soon as possible. We will make an announcement of visit arrangements for currently-enrolled families soon.

A huge “thank you” goes out to Dr Merlin Franco of Curtin University Sarawak for the list of suitable indigenous trees. We will soon be meeting with Dr Franco on site to discuss planting locations and schedules.
Reception Assembly

The Reception class had their assembly on Friday, 10th May where they shared their learning with their parents. They showcased their knowledge of letters and sounds, pattern counting and their current IPC topic, Shopping. The children had a lot of fun dressing up, singing their songs and saying their lines. Our thanks to Mr Slezak for taking the photographs that are included with this article. To find out more about what Reception have been learning this year, visit our blog: www.receptionwithmsj.blogspot.com
Click on the e-mail subscription button to receive e-mails on our updates.

Ms Jacqueline Bradfield
Year 1H News
On Friday 17th May it was the National Day of Norway. Mateo Jorgenson brought in his home made Norwegian biscuits and shared them with Class 1H; they were delicious! Then he showed us the national dress and explained how children celebrate in Norway. Thank you Mateo we really enjoyed celebrating the day with you.

‘Thoughtfulness’
This half terms IPC goal was ‘Thoughtfulness’ and several classes across the school decided to take part in the shoe box appeal for the local Ten Ringgit Charity. Class 1H couldn’t wait to get started and decorated their gift boxes then filled them with lots of goodies. Thank you to all the children and families that donated the gifts.

Ms Hayley Saunders
Year 1 Teacher

Year 6 Visit
On Wednesday morning, the year 6 class visited Rumah Anak-anak Yatim Hamidah. There are 70 children living at the complex from year 1 up to secondary age. The children live there while attending school and only get to go back to their home villages during holidays. As part of our work on thoughtfulness, the year 6’s chose to donate some books to the children there and spend some time playing games and chatting with the children – a chance for Tenby children to practice their Bahasa Malay and for the Hamidah children to practice their English! It was a very positive experience and the children all enjoyed themselves. We were presented with a framed momento of the visit and have been invited back.

Karen Shorter
Year 6 Teacher
The Japan culture module finished with the great Japanese sumo wrestling assembly in the school gym. The sumo wrestlers were Mr Bert and Mr Colum and the referee was Mr Kosuge whom we would like to thank for their participation. Here’s what Emily Yee has to report about the event:

“Today the primary students got to learn about what sumo is. Sumo is a game for two players. First they need to clap their hands and lift up their feet. Then they get in the circle and wait for the judge to announce the game to begin. The player who goes out of the circle loses. The sumo players need to eat a lot of food that is healthy so that they are big enough to push their enemy out of the circle.”

Prepared by Miss Julie
Shoebox Appeal
On Monday some of the School council accompanied by organiser Mr Craig and Miss Yvette visited the Ten Ringgit Charity. For weeks the children in years 1,3,4,5 and some secondary pupils have been putting together shoe boxes full of fun toys as well as items that can be used in school. The Ten Ringgit Charity helps disadvantaged children to get an education and learn English. Both the school council and the children at the Ten Ringgit Charity were very excited about meeting each other and sharing gifts. A lovely way to end our focus on this terms theme ‘Thoughtfulness’.

Mr Craig Jones
Year 5 Teacher

Notices

Chess
KRP and TISM will be meeting in a Chess challenge in June; details to be announced.

BYOD
Parents are invited to learn more about “Bring Your Own Device” which is to be launched in the Secondary Sector from 2013/2014. Secondary ICT teacher Mr Alan Miles will describe this optional programme for Y7 – 10 students, which will enable them to bring their own laptop computer, how it will be integrated into the Secondary Teaching and Learning programme, how they can do their schoolwork and groupwork from home, blended learning, flipped instruction and much more. He will also outline minimum equipment specifications for parents who are thinking of buying a new laptop for the new school year.

Netball
TISM will be participating in an U13 Netball tournament in Brunei in June.

Dutch Community Events
Please see the flier behind for the open invitation. Dank je.
Secondary News

Five students from Tenby Miri have successfully won through to rounds 2 & 3 of the Science Olympiad challenge in KL, this is an outstanding achievement given the level of competition from all competing schools throughout Malaysia. Fantastic achievement and well done!! More information can be found at: www.masmo.info/masmo-science

The MASMO Science First Round Winners Level 2

ELVIRA KANTH TENBY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
TEMITOPE AYODELE TENBY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
JOSHUA TAN TENBY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

The MASMO Science First Round Winners Level 3

ANDREW VICTOR TENBY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
SAI RITHVIK VIJAPURAPU TENBY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

MASMO Science Round 2 & round 3
Date: 8/6/2013
Venue: SJK(C) Han Ming
Round 2 schedule: 9am - 1pm
Round 3 schedule: 2pm - 6pm

Senadin Trip

A trip to the new school location in Senadin will take place for all secondary students on Friday 7th June to see the progress being made and the faculties on offer as they materialise, a permission letter has been sent out via or son/daughter can you return the permission slip to me or the school office by Wednesday 5th June.

Peter Bentley
Senior Secondary Teacher.

Dates of future events:
Wednesday 12th June
Tenby FC verses 10 Ringgit Club – House 100 2.40 K.O.
MiRecycle

10th – 14 June
Cardboard / Paper / Newspapers / Magazines

Please remove any non-paper materials (eg sticky tape) and please do not bring laminated papers.

So far, Lions have proved to be the biggest recyclers, winning all three MiRecycles this year. Can Dragons or Cobras step up to the mark this time?

Pizza boxes / magazines / posters – as long as it’s cardboard or paper, we can take it!

The Attic
Tenby International School, Miri presents

Jessica doesn’t care about history. Why should she? It doesn’t have anything to do with her. Or so she thinks.

Join Jessica, Spider and DW as they explore the histories and mysteries waiting to unfold in The Attic.

Featuring students from Year 6, 7, 8 and 9 at Tenby International School, The Attic is a musical historical adventure, and will be performed at Pustaka Miri (Auditorium) at 7pm on 21st June.

Tickets on sale from Ms Linda in the school office at RM15/RM20.
Tenby School Yearbook 2012 – 2013

Do you want to know what has happened in all the different groups in nursery, reception, primary and secondary? You want be part of the excitement of the different assemblies through the year? You want to see the children having all that fun again during special events like International Day, Book Week and Swimming Gala?

Well, you can and all of that and so much more will be in the Tenby School Yearbook.

This book is a great gift for every child in the school, but it is also a wonderful present for family members, like the grandparents who will enjoy going through the book with the children and learn all about the excitement that was part of our school the last year.

The price of the book will be **RM35.-**
The deadline for ordering the books is **Wednesday 12th June**.

Please, can you let us know how many books you would like to order, by handing in this slip at the reception, with the money included. This way we know how many need to be printed.

Regards,

The Year Book Committee.

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**Year Book Order Form**

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wants to order .................................. copies of the Year Book.

Signature:  ..................................................................................................
Dutch Kinderfeest 2013

Date: Saturday 15th of June
Place: PBC playground
Time: 4-6 pm
Age: 2-13 years
Tickets: RM 40 (includes games, drinks and snacks)

Kinderfeest, a Dutch tradition.

With Kinderfeest the Dutch community of Miri celebrates its Queen’s birthday. Every year we invite all children of all nationalities to celebrate this special birthday with us.

As the theme of this year’s Kinderfeest is Atlantis, we would like to ask you to come to the party dressed in swimming wear or clothes that can become wet. The best dressed child will win a prize, so dress to impress!

At the party you will play many games. Some of them will be in Atlantis style, others are traditional Dutch Queen’s day games.

Vrijmarkt

Many of you will remember the “Vrijmarkt” which is our annual Kinderfeest Flea market. At this flea market children can sell their old toys. If you wish to have a spot at the “Vrijmarkt”, inform us by sending an email to the following email address: kinderreestmiri@gmail.com.

Snacks and a drink will be free off charge but make sure you bring some money if you wish to shop at the flea market.

If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact anybody of the Kinderfeest committee. We are looking forward to see you at Atlantis. Blub!!!

Judith – Andrea – Mieke – Barbara

NVM (Nederlandse Vereniging Miri) and PBC cannot accept any responsibility for any injury caused to anyone by playing the games or using the equipment at the Kinderfeest.